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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Albertson, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3679
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Appl. No.	:	10/728,693	)	
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Filed	:	December 5, 2003	)	
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For	:	CATEGORIZING FASTENERS AND CONSTRUCTION CONNECTORS USING VISUAL IDENTIFIERS	)	
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Examiner	:	Unknown	)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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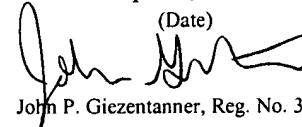
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Sir:

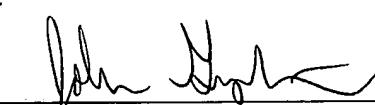
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

Preliminary Amendment in 5 pages.  
 The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Total Claims	22 - 20 = 2	2202 (\$9)	2 x 9 =	\$18
Independent Claims	5 - 4 = 1	2201 (\$43)	1 x 43 =	\$43
Multiple Claim		2203 (\$145)		\$0
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$61</b>

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